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3 Dane County Students Win \$1,000 EdVest Scholarships

6th, 7th and 8th graders wrote letters to President Obama for Money Smart Week

Madison – State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass will be joined by First Lady Jessica Doyle **Wednesday December 9th in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol at 4:00PM** to award 3 students EdVest Scholarship checks for \$1,000.

The three students named this year's "*Money Smart Kids*" are:
Lexi Slater – Hamilton Middle School 7th grader
Megan Gasper – DeForest High School 9th grader
Jessica Jensen – DeForest High School 12th grader

The 3 Dane County students took part in Money Smart Week Wisconsin 2009 by writing an essay sponsored by the Dane County Financial Educators Network. Students from 6th-12th grade were encouraged to write the essay as a 300-word letter to President Barack Obama concerning the current economic climate. The students needed to describe ways in which they or their families were being affected by the economic crisis and what they were doing or could do to meet the challenges being faced.

"Kids are not immune to the economic crisis," said Treasurer Sass. "It's important they understand the situation and try to figure out ways to help themselves, their families and their communities. These scholarships will certainly help when these students look towards their future."

EdVest is Wisconsin's "529" College Savings Program and is administered by the Wisconsin Office of the State Treasurer.

For more information on EdVest visit www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov.

EdVest Scholarship Awards for Dane County:

Wednesday Dec. 9th

4:00 p.m.

Governor's Conference Room
State Capitol